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## **Communities Across the State are Hosting Events in October to Mourn, Celebrate, and Connect During Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

*Editor's note: This list includes statewide activities known at press time. Please contact your local domestic violence advocacy program for detailed information about your city's activities. Find contact information at [kcsdv.org/ksresources.html](http://kcsdv.org/ksresources.html)*

### **ALMA**

**October 16**      *afternoon*

**Downtown Alma**

**Decorating**

A group of volunteer teens will be helping to raise awareness of relationship abuse by descending on downtown with window paint and ribbons. Drop by anytime during the week to see their efforts.

**Contact:**           YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment  
785-233-1750  
[www.ywcatopeka.org](http://www.ywcatopeka.org) – Love over Labels: YWCA Week Without Violence

### **ARKANSAS CITY**

**October 1**           *2:00 p.m.*

**Arkansas City Public Library**

**Reading & Discussion Forum of the fictional book "Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks**

Discussion will include a member of law enforcement and an advocate from Safehomes, Inc. Se Espanola

**October 26 - 30**

**Arkalalah 2011**

**Silent Witness displays in downtown storefronts**

It's a Totally 80's Arkalalah this year – visit [www.arkalalah.com](http://www.arkalalah.com) for a full schedule of events. While you're there, don't miss the displays of Silent Witnesses in storefronts throughout downtown Arkansas City.

**Contact:**           Safehomes, Inc.  
620-221-7079  
[www.Safehomesinc.org](http://www.Safehomesinc.org)

### **DERBY**

**October 4**           *9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

**Derby Police Department, 229 N Baltimore**

**Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault - training**

Sexual assault is one of the most difficult and serious crimes for a law enforcement officer to investigate. This course will provide officers with the information necessary to complete a full and thorough investigation of sexual assault crimes. Also, this course will provide information related to the impact of the assault and the investigation on the victim, strategies to employ when interviewing a sexual assault victim, tools to use when writing reports and gathering essential information to the case, and developments in forensic science and criminal analysis.

**Contact:**           Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC)  
620-694-1525  
<http://trncal.kletc.net/detail.php?pnumber=2146>

## **EMPORIA**

**October 10 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Chase County Police Department**

**Law Enforcement Training - Chase County – “Identifying the Primary Aggressor”**

**October 15 10 a.m.**

**New Life Christian Church**

**Presentation - "In Her Shoes"**

**October 26 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Flint Hills Technical College**

**Domestic Violence Summit: Investigation & Prosecution of Alcohol Facilitated Sexual Assault**

The presenter will discuss societal attitudes about alcohol, basic toxicology, victim credibility, and collaboration between allied professionals. In addition, the session will promote a victim-centered response that incorporates offender-focused strategies for the effective investigation and prosecution of AFSA cases.

Registration fee: \$30 for anyone outside of Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris, and Osage counties. Space is limited to the first 100 registrants.

**Contact:** SOS, Inc.  
620-343-8799  
[www.Soskansas.com](http://www.Soskansas.com)

## **GARDEN CITY**

**October 13 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.**

**Community Congregation Church**

**Governor’s Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board – Staff Presentation**

Presentation for law enforcement, attorneys, judges, and the community about response to domestic violence cases.

**Contact:** Family Crisis Services, Inc.  
620-275-2018  
[www.Familycrisisservices.com](http://www.Familycrisisservices.com)

## **GRENOLA**

**October 22 2:00 p.m.**

**Grenola Public Library**

**Reading & Discussion Forum of the fictional book “Safe Haven” by Nicholas Sparks**

Discussion will include a member of law enforcement and an advocate from Safehomes, Inc. Se Espanola

**Contact:** Safehomes, Inc.  
620-221-7079  
[www.Safehomesinc.org](http://www.Safehomesinc.org)

## **GREAT BEND**

**October 6 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Family Crisis Center New Administrative Office, 1924 Broadway Avenue**

**Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Coffee, Ribbon Cutting & Open House**

Join Family Crisis Center as they celebrate the move into new office space, and unveil their new logo. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Coffee in Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month followed by a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new administrative office. Can't make the coffee? Stop by anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for the Open House sponsored by Family Crisis Center as they show appreciation for community support and celebrate their new office and new programming.

**Contact:** Family Crisis Center, Inc.  
620-793-9941  
[www.Familycrisiscntr.org](http://www.Familycrisiscntr.org)

## **HAYS**

**October 18 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**October 19 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Fort Hays State University**

**Domestic Violence Summit**

Attend this two-day summit to learn from experts from across the state. Topics include Understanding the DV Designation Law and Protection Orders, Coordinated Community Response, DV and Impact on Persons with Disabilities, Batterers Intervention Programs, and DV Impact on Youth. Registration fee \$20-\$75.

**Contact:** Options: Domestic & Sexual Violence Services  
785-625-3055  
Email for registration info: [H3.options@help4abuse.org](mailto:H3.options@help4abuse.org)

## **HOLTON**

**October 20 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Evangel United Methodist Church**

**"Telling Amy's Story" Film Screening**

A film hosted by actress and advocate Mariska Hargitay, and told by Detective Deirdri Fishel, *Telling Amy's Story* follows the timeline of a domestic violence homicide that occurred in 2001. The victim's parents and co-workers, law enforcement officers, and court personnel share their perspectives on what happened to Amy in the weeks, months, and years leading up to her death. While we will never be able to change the ending to Amy's story, we hope that it's telling can change outcomes for the millions of victims, survivors, and loved ones affected by domestic violence every day. Please join us for this powerful film screening. A short discussion will follow the film. Refreshments served. [Learn more about the film or watch a preview.](#)

**Contact:** YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment  
785-233-1750  
[www.ywcatopeka.org](http://www.ywcatopeka.org) – Love over Labels: YWCA Week Without Violence

## JUNCTION CITY

**October 8 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Heritage Park**

**Day of Peace**

Join the Junction City/Geary County Domestic Violence Task Force for a day of FREE Family Events to raise awareness of domestic violence in Geary County. Activities include a cake walk, face painting, and much more. Plus, free popcorn and water!

**Contact:** Crisis Center, Inc.  
785-762-8835  
[www.facebook.com/pages/The-Crisis-Center-Inc/361666736851](http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Crisis-Center-Inc/361666736851)

## KANSAS CITY, KS

**October 28 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition & Awareness Safe Luncheon**

**Hosted by: Friends of Yates – Della Gill/Joyce H. Williams Center**

This annual luncheon commemorates October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. With an emphasis on the faith community, this event recognized of the powerful work being done to end domestic violence, and raises awareness of the work that remains.

**Contact:** Chase Murphy, Friends of Yates – Della Gill/Joyce H. Williams Center  
913-321-1566  
[cmurphy@friendsofyates.org](mailto:cmurphy@friendsofyates.org)

## KANSAS CITY, MO

**October 5 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Offices of Lathrop & Gage 2345 Grand Blvd. Suite 2200**

**Women, War and Peace: I Came to Testify Screening and Discussion**

Witness the remarkable courage of 16 Bosnian women, who broke the decades-long silence of rape and war-crimes and join us for a special screening and discussion of part one of the five-part PBS series [\*Women, War and Peace\*](#). *I Came to Testify* is the moving story of how a group of 16 women who had been imprisoned and raped by Serb-led forces in the Bosnian town of Foca broke history's great silence – and stepped forward to take the witness stand in an international court of law. Their remarkable courage resulted in a triumphant verdict that led to new international laws about sexual violence in war. *Women, War & Peace*, a bold new five-part PBS mini-series, is the most comprehensive global media initiative ever mounted on the roles of women in peace and conflict.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with military and international human rights experts [Bill Eckhardt](#), [Rana Lehr-Lehnardt](#), and [Fred Green](#).

This event is **free and open to the public**, but **space is limited**. [RSVP](#) to reserve your seat.

Sponsored by: Kansas City Public Television, [www.kcpt.org](http://www.kcpt.org)

## LAWRENCE

**October 13 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**South Park**

**Take Back the Night Rally** - To Promote a Safe Lawrence and a Safe World! To Demand Equality for ALL People! To Stand Up for Healthy Homes and Relationships! To Realize Our Own Strength to Change the World! Featuring: "The Outrage" performance by SAFEHOME, Speakers: Brooke Taylor and Rebecca Delaney, Local food from Bambinos & Live music (Lax Luxury and Tyler the Starjammmr), Children's Activity Area, Candlelight Vigil and Speak-Out Circles.

**Contact:** Willow Domestic Violence Center  
785-331-2034  
[www.Willowdvcenter.org](http://www.Willowdvcenter.org)

**October 25 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Maceli's Ballroom**

**Understanding Domestic Violence – What Professionals Should Know**

This full day workshop is appropriate for social workers, health care professionals, attorneys, mental health professionals, educators, human resource professionals, and any other helping professional. Topics will include advanced dynamics of domestic violence, effects of trauma, working with survivors, and safety and accountability. Registration fee: \$40, includes lunch, snacks and training materials.

**Contact:** Nancy Turpin, KCSDV Education & Training Team Leader  
785-232-9784  
For more info or to register: <http://www.kcsdv.org/prodv.html>

**October 24-28**

**University of Kansas**

**Domestic Violence Awareness Week**

In addition to the events below, the KU Commission on the Status of Women will be tabling in front of the Kansas Union all week. Stop by for more information on domestic violence issues and resources. Willow Domestic Violence Center Clothesline Project will be on display. As part of their rehabilitative services, Willow offers residents the opportunity to make a t-shirt documenting their experience of domestic violence. These survivor-created shirts make up the Clothesline Project – come and check it out.

**October 24 7:30 p.m.**

**Woodruff Auditorium, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Kansas Union, KU Campus**

**Jana Mackey Distinguished Lecture Series featuring Tony Porter, "Real Men, Real Talk."**

Tony Porter is an educator and activist who is internationally recognized for his effort to end violence against women. Join us for his lecture on how masculine norms shape our society and what men can do to stop domestic violence.

**October 26 7:30 p.m.**

**Regionalist Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Kansas Union, KU Campus**

**Salon Nouveau presents Forgotten Truths, Forgotten People: An exploration of DV in indigenous cultures**

Join the Commission on the Status of Women for a conversation about an often forgotten topic as we discuss the problem of domestic violence in indigenous cultures in America.

**October 27 7:30 p.m.**

**3139 Wescoe, KU Campus**

**Friends Don't Let Friends Date Vampires: A discussion on unhealthy relationships in pop culture**

Is something wrong with Edward and Bella's relationship? Join KU CSW for a conversation about the portrayal of unhealthy relationships in pop culture and in the recent vampire craze.

**Contact:** KU Commission on the Status of Women or Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center at KU  
[www.etwrc.ku.edu](http://www.etwrc.ku.edu)

## LEAVENWORTH

**October 7 and 11**

**Leavenworth/Lansing Leadership Class and Xavier School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Presentation regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**October 15 All day**

**KMART**

**Supply drive**

Sponsored by a local sorority. All proceeds donated to Alliance Against Family Violence.

**October 15 6:00 p.m.**

**Justice Center**

**Candlelight Vigil**

Join the Alliance Against Family Violence for this celebration honoring survivors of domestic violence.

**October 18 All day**

**Curves**

**Food drive.**

All donations will benefit Alliance Against Family Violence.

**October 26 All day**

**Xavier School**

**Supply Drive**

All donations will benefit Alliance Against Family Violence.

**Contact:** Alliance Against Family Violence

913-682-9131

[www.aafv.net](http://www.aafv.net)

## LENEXA

**October 1 8:00 p.m.**

**Danny's Bar & Grill, Lenexa (College & Pflumm)**

**JonJon's 3rd Annual Holiday Toy Drive**

Live Music By: Rumbly June, Joel McNulty, Special Guest: Jon Gunesekere

**All toy donations will be given to SAFEHOME.**

**Contact:** SAFEHOME, Inc.

913-432-9300

[www.Safehome-ks.org](http://www.Safehome-ks.org)

## MANHATTAN

**October 13 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Manhattan Public Library**

**Immigration Network Conference – Human Trafficking in the US & Its Intersections with DV/SV**

Learn how to identify, assess and serve victims of trafficking. This training is for advocates, attorneys, law enforcement, interpreters, and any other allied professionals. Sponsored by KCSDV.

**Contact:** Kursten Phelps, KCSDV Immigration Project Attorney

785-232-9784 or [kphelps@kcsdv.org](mailto:kphelps@kcsdv.org)

[www.kcsdv.org/immcon.html](http://www.kcsdv.org/immcon.html)

## **MANHATTAN - continued**

**October 15 12:00 p.m.**

**Triangle Park in Aggieville**

**Silent Witness Display and Remembrance**

As a part of the Silent Witness National Initiative and to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please join the Riley County Domestic Violence Task Force in remembering victims of domestic violence in Kansas and around the world. Program will include unveiling of Silent Witness silhouettes and remembrance of twelve Kansas victims of domestic violence related homicide, including members from our regional community

**Contact:** Crisis Center, Inc.  
785-762-8835

[www.thecrisiscenterinc.org](http://www.thecrisiscenterinc.org) or [www.facebook.com/pages/The-Crisis-Center-Inc/361666736851](https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Crisis-Center-Inc/361666736851)

## **OTTAWA**

**October 5 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Candlelight vigil to honor survivors of domestic violence.**

**In front of old Franklin County Courthouse between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets on Main/Hwy 59**

The Franklin County Domestic Violence Unit will host "Shining the Light on Domestic Violence";

**October 6 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roberts Hall**

**Luncheon**

The Willow DV Center is hosting a luncheon sponsored by the City of Ottawa. Lunch will be provided.

A local survivor of domestic violence will speak to her experiences and how these affected her life and career. **Please RSVP to [mhaenchen@willowdvcenter.org](mailto:mhaenchen@willowdvcenter.org) by Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**October 27 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Ottawa Public Library**

**Recognition Reception**

The Willow is hosting a **Recognition Reception** to honor those in the community who go above and beyond to help serve survivors of domestic violence.

**Contact:** Willow Domestic Violence Center, Franklin County Office  
785-242-6300

[www.Willowdvcenter.org](http://www.Willowdvcenter.org)

## **OVERLAND PARK**

**October 11 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Overland Park Marriott Hotel**

**Johnson County Fall Forum - Someone in your own backyard...needs MOCSA**

Andrea Cooper's family was changed forever on New Year's Eve, 1995. Since that time, Andrea has educated thousands, including college students and their parents, and has saved countless lives. What happened to her daughter, "Kristin's Story" could truly happen in our own backyard. Come hear Andrea Cooper and learn why someone you know needs MOCSA.

**Contact:** MOCSA  
816-285-1341

[www.mocsa.org](http://www.mocsa.org)

## **OVERLAND PARK - continued**

**October 18** 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Ritz Charles**

### **Home Safe Home Luncheon**

In recognition of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, SAFEHOME will present the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual “Home Safe Home” luncheon, Tuesday, October 18 from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This event will feature a complimentary lunch, an impactful survivor’s story and a performance by SAFEHOME’s teen dating violence prevention troupe “The Outrage.”

**October 24-28**

**St. Luke’s South**

The SAFEHOME’s BridgeSPAN program will host Domestic Violence Awareness Week at St. Luke’s South in Overland Park, Kan. St. Luke’s South staff members will be collecting cell phones and SAFEHOME Wish List items all week.

**Contact:** SAFEHOME, Inc.  
913-432-9300  
[www.Safehome-ks.org](http://www.Safehome-ks.org)

## **PITTSBURG**

**October 6** 6:00 p.m.

**Pittsburg State University Campus**

### **Candlelight Vigil**

Gather to mourn, celebrate, and connect. Survivors are invited to share their story, attendees are invited to write letters of support that will be delivered to local survivors.

**Contact:** Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc.  
620-231-8692  
[www.crisisresourcecenter.org](http://www.crisisresourcecenter.org)

## **PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI RESERVATION (NEAR MAYETTA)**

**October 1** 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Prairie Peoples Park**

### **Walk a Mile in Their Mocs**

Join us as we promote Domestic Violence Awareness and gather as a community and support one another! Event shirts available while supplies last. Bring a side dish to share with the community. Bring your dish bags, no plates will be provided. Drug and alcohol free. Program not responsible for accidents or injuries.

9:30 Open Registration  
10:00 Balloon Release & Moment of Silence  
10:30 Start walking  
11:00 Lunch provided by PBPN Tribal Police

**Contact:** PBPN Family Violence Prevention Program  
785-966-3024  
[Tva.pbptpd@gmail.com](mailto:Tva.pbptpd@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/Tva.Pbptpd](http://www.facebook.com/Tva.Pbptpd)

## **RUSSELL**

**October 8 9:00 a.m. – 6:00**

**Saline River D Ranch**

**Ride 2 Paradise**

Ride 2 Paradise is an off road bicycle ride on hilly sandy roads in Russell County, Kansas, through the scenic Saline River Valley. Ride for 40, 60 and 80 challenging hilly miles with SAG and homemade dinner. All proceeds benefit Options: Domestic and Sexual Violence Services.

**Contact:** Options: Domestic and Sexual Violence Services  
785-483-1234  
[www.Ride2paradise.com](http://www.Ride2paradise.com) or [www.facebook.com/pages/Ride-2-Paradise](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ride-2-Paradise)

## **SHAWNEE**

**October 22 All day**

**Mid-America Sports Complex in Shawnee, 20000 Johnson Drive**

**SAFEHOME's 11th Annual Will Shields Red Flags of Domestic Violence Flag Football Tournament and Shields Family Children's Soccer Tournament**

SAFEHOME, Johnson County's only provider of services for victims of domestic violence, will host its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Will Shields Red Flags of Domestic Violence Flag Football & 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Shields Family Children's Soccer Tournament on Saturday, October 22 at Mid-America Sports Complex, 20000 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS. The football tournament includes both an open and a coed division. Tournament play is limited to the first 20 teams registered in each division. The early bird cost to play is \$295 for Public Safety Teams and \$355 for all other teams. After October 8th, the price increases by \$50 per team. For more information, contact Susan Lebovitz at [slebovitz@safehome-ks.org](mailto:slebovitz@safehome-ks.org) or 913-378-1518. Register online at [www.safehome-ks.org](http://www.safehome-ks.org).

Simultaneous to the Flag Football Tournament, GSI Sports will coordinate the 3rd Annual Shields Family Children's Soccer Tournament. For more information on this 3 on 3 tournament, visit [www.gsisports.com](http://www.gsisports.com).

**Contact:** SAFEHOME, Inc.  
913-432-9300  
[www.Safehome-ks.org](http://www.Safehome-ks.org)

## **TOPEKA**

**Love Not Labels: YWCA Week Without Violence**

**October 16 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Grace Episcopal Cathedral, 701 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St**

**Prayer Vigil to End Domestic Violence**

Each year, we start our YWCA Week Without Violence with prayer. Topeka's faith communities are invited to join us for this powerful vigil featuring healing music and speaking. Survivors will have an opportunity to share stories.

**October 17**

**Topeka Correctional Facility**

**"Shout. The Story of Domestic Violence" Film Screening for Incarcerated Women**

As part of the YWCA's ongoing work with victims of domestic violence in prison, staff will screen the film, lead a discussion about domestic violence and distribute purple ribbons. The same film will be screened for the public on Wednesday evening, information below.

**Contact:** YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment  
785-233-1750  
[www.ywcatopeka.org](http://www.ywcatopeka.org) – **Love over Labels: YWCA Week Without Violence**

## **TOPEKA - continued**

**October 17-18 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Washburn University Memorial Union**

### **Date Safe Booth**

If you know about safe dating, you can win prizes! Drop by our booth to learn more about our work and volunteer opportunities.

**October 18 6:00 – 7:45 p.m.**

### **Survivor Art Group**

This social art group for women, children and teens provides a creative outlet for survivors of violence. No art skill or experience is needed and all supplies and instructions are provided. The group meets each Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:45pm. Contact: Nicole @ 785-233-1750 for more information.

**October 19 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Jayhawk Tower, Florentine Room, 700 SW Jackson**

### **Domestic Violence in the Workplace Training**

Domestic violence costs employers billions in health care and lost productivity. National surveys show that nearly 3 in 4 victims feel the violence affects their ability to work. The issue of workplace safety is important for employers, making domestic violence training a vitally important piece of a safe and healthy work environment. In this training, participants will learn how domestic violence affects the workplace, how to recognize warning signs, how to develop effective workplace policies and resources for businesses. This training is a joint effort of the YWCA of Topeka and Soroptimist International of Topeka. Registration information coming soon!

**October 19 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.**

**Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave**

### **“Shout. The Story of Domestic Violence” Film Screening**

Shout is a documentary film that looks at the effects domestic violence has on the many people it touches in everyday life. The film follows the story of Sam, who lost his sister as a result of domestic violence, as he discovers the realities of domestic violence through personal interviews with survivors, politicians, domestic violence advocates, and others affected by the issue on a regular basis. This film tells the story of domestic violence in a truthful and accurate way. While the telling of tragic and violent stories will be unavoidable, there are many positive stories as well. A short discussion will follow the film. Refreshments served.

**October 20 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Blue Planet Café, 110 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave**

### **Speak Up, Speak Out Teen Art Night**

This is a chance to hear what Topeka's high school and middle school students have to say about healthy relationships. Teens are welcome to submit visual or written artwork to this show. They are also able to perform spoken word, short story or music on the theme of speaking up and speaking out against dating abuse.

**October 22 Noon – 1 p.m.**

**YWCA Week Without Violence 17<sup>th</sup> Annual March to Action**

### **Kansas Capitol Building Steps to YWCA of Topeka**

Please join us for the inspiring banner event of the YWCA Week Without Violence. March downtown to help us send the message that domestic violence has no place in our community. This year's march will begin on the south side of the Capitol building and will end at the YWCA with a free hot dog lunch and action stations where you can act to end abuse. Wear purple and white, signs will be provided or bring your own.

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[www.ywcatopeka.org](http://www.ywcatopeka.org) – **Love over Labels: YWCA Week Without Violence**

## **TOPEKA - continued**

**October 26 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Topeka Independent Living Resource Center, 501 Jackson**

**Community Conversation with Dr. Neil Websdale**

Response to domestic violence, particularly the prosecution of domestic violence misdemeanors, has been a prominent conversation in Topeka this fall. Dr. Neil Websdale brings his expertise and perspective to Topeka at a time that proves particularly timely. Dr. Websdale is Professor of Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University and Principal Project Advisor to and former director of the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative. He has published work on domestic violence, the history of crime, policing, social change, and public policy. He has also worked on issues related to community policing, full faith and credit, and a number of other community justice initiatives. Join us for this timely and insightful discussion on community response to domestic violence.

**Contact:** Nancy Turpin, KCSDV Education & Training Team Leader  
785-232-9784  
[www.kcsdv.org](http://www.kcsdv.org)

## **WELLINGTON**

**October 15 2:00 p.m.**

**Wellington Public Library**

**Reading & Discussion Forum of the fictional book "Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks**

Discussion will include a member of law enforcement and an advocate from Safehomes, Inc. Se Espanola

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620-221-7079  
[www.Safehomesinc.org](http://www.Safehomesinc.org)

## **WICHITA**

**October 4 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**College Hill United Methodist Church**

**Viewing & Discussion Forum of "Telling Amy's Story"**

A viewing of "Telling Amy's Story" for professionals in the community. A discussion with local DV professionals will be held immediately afterward. Free continental breakfast is being provided. Sponsored by Catholic Charities Harbor House, YWCA Women's Crisis Center, Dress For Success and Step Stones.

**Contact:** YWCA Women's Crisis Center  
316-263-7501  
[www.ywcaofwichita.org](http://www.ywcaofwichita.org)

**October 18 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Newman University Campus, De Mattias Fine Arts Center, Performance Hall**

**Viewing & Discussion Forum of "Telling Amy's Story"**

For the first time in Kansas – a viewing for general public of "Telling Amy's Story", a story of a young mother of two murdered by her ex-husband while her children were nearby. The evening will conclude with a panel discussion by local professionals working to put an end to violence in our homes and communities. Learn the signs and help keep our families safe. This event is free and open to the public. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., program begins at 6 p.m. Sponsored by StepStone, Newman University and Verizon Wireless.

**Contact:** StepStone  
316-265-1611  
[www.stepstone-ks.org](http://www.stepstone-ks.org)

## **WINFIELD**

**October 3      5:00 p.m.**

**Winfield Memorial Park**

**Candlelight Vigil sponsored by Soroptimist of Winfield**

**October 6      7:00 p.m.**

**Winfield Public Library**

**Reading & Discussion Forum of the fictional book "Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks**

Discussion will include a member of law enforcement and an advocate from Safehomes. SeEspanola

**October 19      6:30 p.m.**

**Cowley College Wright Room**

**Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board – Staff Presentation**

Learn from past cases how we can improve services to survivors of domestic violence.

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[www.Safehomesinc.org](http://www.Safehomesinc.org)

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